

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3010, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Act for FY 2006.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7331–S7395

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1310–311. **Page S7377**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–89)

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Measures Passed:

Junk Fax Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 714, to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227) relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7380–83**

Alexander (for Boxer/Smith) Amendment No. 1011, to require post-date-of-enactment authorization for an established business relationship to a telephone facsimile machine. **Page S7382**

Freedom of Information Act Exemption: Senate passed S. 1181, to ensure an open and deliberate process in Congress by providing that any future legislation to establish a new exemption to section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) be stated explicitly within the text of the bill. **Pages S7383–85**

Interior Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, Environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and pursuant to the order of June 23, 2005, agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment,

taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7331–74**

Pending:

Burns (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 1010, to prohibit the use of funds to take certain land into trust without the consent of the Governor of the State in which the land is located. **Page S7374**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2005. **Page S7394**

Appointments:

Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–136, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission: Ken Jordan of California, vice Mike O'Callaghan of Nevada. **Page S7394**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

A. Noel Anketell Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Laura A. Cordero, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

Emil A. Skodon, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Joseph A. Mussomeli, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

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Privilege of the Floor: Page S7380

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:18 p.m. until 1 p.m., on Monday, June 27, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7394.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine Iraqi security forces from Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commanding General, Multinational Security Transition Command—Iraq; and Lieutenant General Walter L. Sharp, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, J–5, The Joint Staff.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3056, 3059–3069; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 191–192; and H. Res. 339–340, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5176–77

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3057 making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, (H. Rept. 109–152);

H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, (H. Rept. 109–153); and H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 109–154).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boustany to act as speaker pro tempore.

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Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Act for FY 2006: The House passed H.R. 3010 making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (by a yea-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 320). The bill was also considered yesterday, June 23.

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Agreed to limit the time on a vote, on a motion to recommit, to five minutes, notwithstanding that it is the first vote in a series.

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, (by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 216 noes, Roll No. 319).

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Agreed to:

Kolbe amendment to prohibit funds made available in the Act from being used to enforce Determination ED–OIG/A05–D0008 of the Department of Education.

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